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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:

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Serial No. 10/066,267

Filed: 02/02/2002

For: Ice Fishing Tip-up Display

Group Art Unit: 3643

Examiner: Rowan, Kurt

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2005 and phone conference discussion with the examiner of May 4, 2005.

Claim 1 was rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites the limitation "said flag arm position" in lines 5-6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The attached amended claims correct the insufficiencies of the limitation.

Claim 1 was rejected as being unpatentable over Muenchow in view of Eppley et al. The examiner states that Muenchow shows a reflective enclosure 25, 35. The applicant claims in Muenchow's specifications or claims is the word reflective stated. Per our phone conference and in the office action the examiner states that a lens is inherently reflective as with the example given of a car taillight lens. The applicant respectfully disagrees for two reasons. One, a car

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taillight possesses reflective materials in the lens to make the lens reflective. A plastic lens by itself is not reflective in the definition of the word, "to throw back light from a surface". A lens by definition is "...a transparent device used to refract light rays so that they converge or diverge to form an image". The applicant states definitions from Webster's Dictionary above and also where refract is a deflection and not a reflection. Muenchow does not state his lens or enclosure is reflective. Second, Muenchow's invention has been commercialized and the applicant has personally reviewed the commercialized product. The lens stated is not reflective or contain reflective properties. It is used to refract the light rays of the led. The present invention possesses a reflective enclosure of the light assembly where the enclosure is made or covered with reflective property materials.

Claim 1 is also rejected in view of Eppley showing a tipup having a reflective enclosure and having a light source. The applicant states that Eppley does not reference reflective in the specification or claims. Eppley states a bulb where Webster defines a bulb as "an incandescent light" where incandescent is again not reflective though "giving off light when heated". Eppley's invention also utilizes a metal spring to make the electrical contact for the power source to light source. Eppley's invention will not work with varying tip-ups where the spring is not metal or conductive such as a plastic coil spring. Eppley's claims also comprise of the tip-up and lighting device. The current invention is usable on all tip-up devices and not to a specific tip-up as in Eppley's claims.

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